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I Beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

PRESIDENT GATES CELEBRATES CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR'S 77TH BIRTHDAY

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

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Dr. Earle W. Gates (center), president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, presided at the cake cutting ceremony during Christian Endeavor Day celebration at his church in Derby, New York. Dr. Elmer Becker (right), president of Huntington (Indiana) College, addressed the Endeavorers at a dinner climaxing the day long observance. Frank C. Vail, Jr., (left) was master of ceremonies. The cake was baked by Patricia Kirisits.

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MEMO

from the Executive Secretary . . . .

OUR THANKS!

We are grateful to the host of Christian Endeavorers and friends of the movement who enrolled during the 1958 Membership Mobilization, making possible the success of this year's special effort. We salute the many union chairmen and others who gave of their time and talent and means in this enlistment program. "We thank God for year after year blessing these efforts to undergird the program of Christian Endeavor. There is still time for societies, unions and individuals to enroll if you have not already done so.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS!

We hasten to share with our readers the good word that the Distinguished National Awards Jury of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has selected four winners in Christian Endeavor's 1957 Citizenship Contest to receive Freedoms Foundation Awards in 1958. Ellen L. Heacock, Colorado, received the George Washington Honor Medal Award; Carolyn Ann Arnold of Texas, Richard Marvin Smith of Maryland, and Doris Jean Teague of North Carolina, each received the Certificate of Merit Award. The International Society submitted the "Letters" of all of these young people, entitled "I Speak for Christian Citizenship." All four received an Albert H. Diebold Citizenship Award in Christian Endeavor's sixth annual contest in 1957.

WE SALUTE!

Rev. T. Melville Bailey, vice-president of the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union, has been appointed moderator of the Hamilton Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. World's Union President, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, was recently elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Allied Youth. Dr. Poling is founder of this 27-year-old alcohol education program. Rev. Robert G. Freytag, long-time Christian Endeavor enthusiast, was recently elected moderator of the Presbytery of Shenango (Pennsylvania), Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Mr. Leonard G. Wymore, associated with the Standard Publishing Foundation, and until recently the editor of LOOKOUT Magazine, has been named executive secretary of the National Christian Education Convention; simultaneously Mr. Jay Sheffield becomes editor of LOOKOUT. Christian Endeavorer Harmon Clark, Jr. has been named boro attorney of Dunellen, New Jersey.

ACROSS THE BORDER!

Mr. J. P. Copland, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in sending in his usual annual Membership gift to the International Society, tells of his early beginnings in Christian Endeavor seventy years ago in what is now known as Erskine American United Church. He enthusiastically tells what it all meant and what great blessings were enjoyed through the training received. Mr. Paul Wishart, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, also sending his annual Membership gift to Columbus, tells that he is the proud possessor of an Expert Endeavorer Certificate, and the wearer of the Expert Endeavorer Pin. He continues to urge on his contemporary Christian Endeavor associates, the younger members, the values of trained leadership.

MADAM EDITOR!

Ever alert to opportunities to improve and develop "the official voice of Christian Endeavor," Phyllis Rike, assistant secretary at International Headquarters and editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, is enrolled in courses in contemporary typography, lay-out and design at the Columbus Art School.

BLESSINGS AT EASTER!

To all of you from all of us at International Christian Endeavor Headquarters comes this Easter greeting with a prayer that you may know the Joy of Easter, that you may be filled with the Hope of Easter, and that you may possess the Faith of Easter.

Harold Westerhoff

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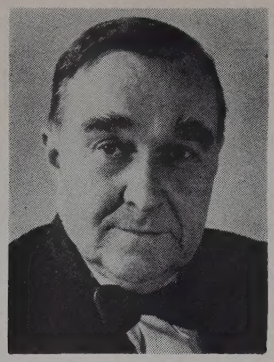

Dr. Daniel A. Poling

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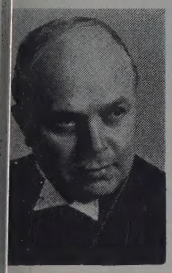

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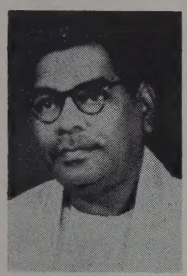
They're on the Program!

Speakers at Sessions in Frankfurt To Be Outstanding Christian Leaders



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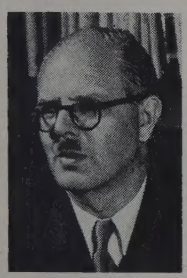

Professor G. C. van Niftrik

Pastor Hermann Haarbeck

Outstanding Christian leaders from around the world will be on the platform during sessions of the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27.

According to the outline released recently by Rev. Arno Pagel, chairman of the Program Committee, there will be major convention sessions each morning and evening Wednesday through Saturday, with special services all day Sunday.

At the Wednesday evening opening session addresses will be given by Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union, and by Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society.

Speakers at the missionary service Thursday evening include Dr. Jan Hermelink, secretary of the German Church Missionary Council, and Dr. Raymond Oshimo of Japan.

Dr. Oshimo, who is President of Doshisha University in Kyoto and a professor, is also pastor of Minami (South) Osaka Christian Church. He has studied in the United States and speaks English fluently.

Dr. James Kelly of Scotland, a vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and Rev. Arno Pagel will address the evangelistic session scheduled for Friday evening.

At the praise service on Saturday evening Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society, will speak. Choirs, both vocal and instrumental, will be provided by German Endeavorers.

Special Sunday Services

Sunday's program includes an early morning communion service and a service at 10:00 to be broadcast. At this time Dr. Hanns Lilje, Bishop of the Evangelical Church of Germany, will bring the message.

Bishop Lilje is one of the most outstanding Protestant church leaders in Germany today. He has been active in the Christian Student Movement and the Lutheran World Federation. During the Hitler regime he was imprisoned for a long time. His story of this captivity, entitled, "In the Dark Valley," has been translated into English.

Sunday afternoon will bring the Roll Call of Nations, with the presentation of flags. Reports will be given from both Area I and Area II of the World's Union, along with short messages from each country.

The convention will come to a grand climax on Sunday evening with the closing challenge by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union.

Each morning Thursday through Saturday will begin with a prayer service

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The Clark Vandersall Poling Memorial Fund

Clark Vandersall Poling, illustrious son of an illustrious father, set a high example when he gave his life for others. One of the four heroic chaplains who gave their lives that others might live when the U.S.S. Dorchester sank in 1943, Clark Poling was a product of Christian Endeavor, an ardent Christian Endeavorer throughout his life and ministry.

The Clark V. Poling Memorial Fund was established in memory of Dr. Poling's son. Gifts to this fund helped a number of delegates from needy areas to attend Bournemouth Conference in 1948, the London Convention in 1950, the Honolulu Conference in 1952, the Washington Convention in 1954, and the Karuizawa Conference in 1956.

This year the fund seeks to raise at least $5000 to help bring delegates to the 13th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Frankfurt, Germany, July 23-27—delegates that otherwise will miss out on the spiritual strengthening and rich fellowship of the convention. Money invested in this way is a seed which bears fruit again and again. Your gift will help. Make checks payable to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Your gift is deductible for federal income tax purposes.

This photo of Clark V. Poling and wife Betty was taken at the farewell d ner given by his church in Schenecta New York, just before he left for serv as a chaplain.

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followed by a general session.

Among the speakers at these morning assemblies will be Rev. E. Tychicus, Professor Dr. G. C. van Niftrik, and Pastor Hermann Haarbeck.

Rev. E. Tychicus is principal of the Arcot Theological Seminary in Vellore, South India, and is honorary general secretary of the India Christian Endeavor Union.

Professor van Niftrik is a well-known theological scholar and an inspiring preacher in the Reformed Church of Holland. Since 1946 he has been professor of doctrine and church history at the University of Amsterdam. As a young man he joined Christian Endeavor and for a number of years he served as secretary of the Netherlands Union.

Pastor Haarbeck is the director of Germany's oldest and most famous Bible Institute, the "Johanneum" in Wupperta. He is also president of the German Union for Evangelism and Fellowship, a spiritual movement within the German Evangelical Church which is stressing the necessity of personal decision for Christ. Pastor Haarbeck is a great friend of Christian Endeavor and calls it the best and most efficient youth movement he knows.

Conferences

On Thursday afternoon there will be conferences on these subjects: Junior, Evangelistic, Citizenship, Christian Endeavor and Prayer, Christian Endeavor and Bible Study, and Christian Endeavor —Its Organization.

The Area II Council and the Executive Council of the World's Union will meet Friday afternoon, with special open air meetings scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

13th WORLD'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

WHERE:	Frankfurt, Germany
WHEN:	July 23-27, 1958
SESSIONS:	Festival Hall, seating over 12,000
THEME:	"Christ, the Light of the World"
DELEGATES:	All Christian Endeavorers from around the world are invited to participate.
LANGUAGES:	Both English and German will be used in the program book and in all sessions.
REGISTRATION:	Fee is $5.00. Send to World's Christian Endeavor Union, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Registered delegates who cannot attend the convention may receive a copy of the program and the special convention badge, if they so desire.
TOUR:	A 30 day International Fellowship Tour to Europe is being arranged by the International Society. Leaving New York City July 12, the group will return on August 11. Total cost of this personally-conducted, all-expense tour is $1350. Harold E. Westerhoff, tour manager, will gladly give full details and itinerary. Contact him at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

International President, Dr. Earle W. Gates, pictured with a number of students at Annville Institute (Kentucky).

Dr. Gates (second from left) reads Christian Endeavor Week Proclamation at Gateway District Banquet, Louisville. Donald Morton (left) is district acting president; Louis Stafford (right) is Kentucky president.

HIO—Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of International Society, spoke on "Lord, believe" at the 77th anniversary banquet Stark County Endeavorers held in nton. Dr. Gates' message, reports one deavorer, was "the best we ever had at banquet."

ORTH CAROLINA—January 20-24 Enavorers presented morning devotions over FMY-TV in Greensboro. Also youth were charge of the TV Chapel on January 26. local society presented a radio program er Station WNCA in Siler City.

NTARIO—Members of the Hamilton llowship honored Christian Endeavor's rthday with a banquet preceded by a nior Rally on February 1. Rev. Hugh ilson of Morriston was the evening eaker.

ENTUCKY—Dr. Earle W. Gates, presint of International Society, spent two ys in Kentucky during Christian Endeavor eek. He spoke at a Jackson County banet at Annville Institute with 165 present d also addressed the school chapel service. e visited the Presbyterian U.S.A. mission nter at Morris Fork, talking to the school ildren during lunch period. Also he was e speaker at the Gateway District banquet Louisville, which was followed by a ception for him at the home of the orwood Bookers. A feature of this meeting as a cake decorating contest.

ENNSYLVANIA—The six societies of Vestmoor Church of Christ in Kingston articipated in various services throughout e week. Members also attended the West ide Union Banquet and the Luzerne ounty Hymn Sing.

EXAS—Governor Price Daniel, in proclaiming Christian Endeavor Week, noted at the Texas Union is currently engaged a program reaching out to the youth of exas for the purpose of developing their lents and using all possible talents in the ervice of Christ and the Church, and aining youth to be Christian leaders.

HIO—Rev. Clarence E. Kopp, Jr., president of the state union, spoke at the 31st nnual banquet of Tuscarawas County at Gnadenhutten.

ISSOURI—The societies of Kingsland Memorial Presbyterian Church of Pagedale, ear St. Louis, held a joint meeting on February 2. Walter R. Schuchardt, past president of both the Eastern District and he Missouri Unions, spoke on the challenge f the pledge. These same young people articipated in a youth weekend February 4-16 with Rev. Peter J. Juarez of Evansille as speaker. Five societies meet each veek, with an average attendance of 125.

Christian Endeavor Week

Reports of the 1958 Birthday Celebration

MAINE — At Williston Congregational Church in Portland John W. Gibbons, president of the Christian Endeavor society, preached the February 2 sermon on the subject, "For Christ and the Church." The church publication, THE WILLISTON WEEKLY, states, "The Christian Endeavor Society, founded by Dr. Francis E. Clark, when pastor of Williston Church, will be 77 years old this week. It has met the needs of youth throughout that time."

OHIO—February 2 was the 70th birthday of the society at The John Heckewelder Memorial Moravian Church in Gnadenhutten, Ohio. This is believed to be the oldest society in the state.

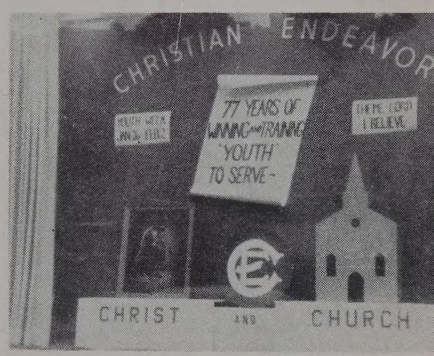
VIRGINIA—A service based on the four cardinal principles was a feature of Christian Endeavor Day at Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Church in Richmond. Members of the group made up the youth choir. Alice Goodman is advisor, Buddy Oliver president.

NEW YORK—Members of the four societies at the First Church of Evans in Derby took places of leadership in the church on Christian Endeavor Day. Dr. Earle W. Gates, pastor of the church and International Society president, was proud of the fifty youth who participated. The day climaxed with a banquet at which Dr. Elmer Becker, president of Huntington (Indiana) College, spoke. Window displays in stores in Derby and Angola were prepared by members of the societies.

NORTH CAROLINA—The statewide annual banquet January 25 in Greensboro was a huge success, with about 200 present. Speaker was Rev. Bill Bennett. Several new societies were well represented.

INDIANA—For the second year Evansville District held youth evangelism services, climaxed by a birthday banquet. Enthusiasm for these meetings was so high that similar services are already planned for Christian Endeavor Week 1959. Rev. Warren Mathis of Indianapolis was the speaker.

Members of the choir at the Youth Evangelism services sponsored by Evansville District (Indiana).



Union Bank window was decorated by Erie County (Pennsylvania) Endeavorers.

Richmond (Virginia) Fellowship celebrated the anniversary.

Christian Endeavor's Citizens

Citizenship Convocation

One of the outstanding experiences for Christian Endeavorers when they gather in New York City July 4-6 for the Citizenship Convocation will be the opportunity to participate in a service at the Bowery Mission.

The Convocation opens Friday, July 4, with dinner at 5:30 P.M. in the Hotel Governor Clinton. Then delegates will go by subway to the Bowery Mission, which is located in the heart of New York's Skid Row.

Here the evening chapel service will be conducted by Convocation delegates, with Dr. Oscar Bussey bringing the message.

Dr. Bussey, whose home is in Glasgow, is the president-designate of the Scottish National Christian Endeavor Union. He is pastor of Tollcross Central Church (Presbyterian) and for ten years has also been lecturer in the Bible Training Institute. He will be on a cross-country tour of the United States this summer.

Following the chapel service Rev. George Bolton, head of the Bowery Mission, will take Convocation delegates on a tour through the building. They will get a glimpse of the work that helps restore thousands of apparently "hopeless" alcoholics to their families and their responsibilities.

Full Program Saturday

Saturday's program begins with breakfast at the Hotel Governor Clinton, which will be headquarters for the Convocation.

At the 8:00 A.M. Quiet Hour service in Herald Square the speaker will be Dr. Earle W. Gates, International Society president.

Delegates will then take a guided tour of United Nations, learning its functions and aims and receiving a description and explanation of the architecture and art work in the General Assembly, Conference and Secretariat buildings. Also included will be visits to the Meditation Room and Post Office and a special film showing.

Following luncheon a yacht cruise around Manhattan Island will give delegates an opportunity to relax as they get a comprehensive view of New York City. Riverside Church, Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Polo Grounds, Yankee Stadium, Statue of Liberty, massive bridges, huge docks, and ocean liners are just a few of the interesting sights.

The highlight of the Convocation is the Saturday evening banquet, followed by the Christian Citizenship Rally at the hotel. During this service the Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented to the top winners in the 1958 Citizenship Contest.

A challenging citizenship message will be given by the honorable Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman of the United Nations Indo-Pakistan Commission. This outstanding Christian leader is a former senator from North Carolina and is Billy Graham's uncle.

Following breakfast on Sunday morning delegates will participate in an outdoor Quiet Hour service in Madison Square Park. The speaker will be Dr. A. W. Schattschneider, pastor of the New Dorp Moravian Church, Staten Island, New York.

An opportunity will be given to attend morning worship at one of New York's many famous churches. Then delegates will meet in buzz groups to consider, "What Does It All Mean?"

Following the convocation luncheon Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will direct the closing dedication service.

For a total cost of $30 all of these experiences are available to Christian Endeavorers throughout the United States and Canada. This includes two nights' hotel accommodations and six meals.

Citizenship Convocation

Registration Blank

Please reserve a place and register me for the Citizenship Convocation. Here is $5.00 payment which will apply on my $30.00 convocation fee (including meals from Friday night dinner through Sunday noon luncheon and hotel accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights—three or four to a room).

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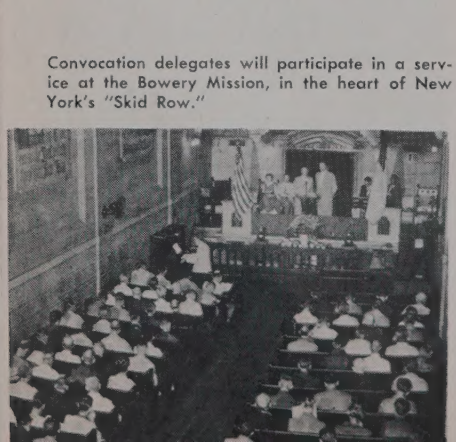
Mail this application and $5.00 to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Convocation delegates will participate in a service at the Bowery Mission, in the heart of New York's "Skid Row."



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What do you read? What do y friends read? What is sold on y neighborhood newsstand?

The plain fact is that obscene lit ture is sold openly and brazenly on average newsstand of your town mine. Are you concerned? Do you th something should be done about

The International Society of Chris Endeavor has pledged itself to an gressive, expanded Christian Citizens Crusade. One of the vital parts of Crusade is a clean-up campaign aga obscene literature, otherwise known smut.

Our energy must first of all be direc toward an initial "housecleaning." even more important than that is a d cation to the long, arduous policing essary to keep America's literature cle Let's face it—it's easy to be concer when a campaign like this is launc and the enthusiasm is running high, it's also easy to turn to something when the glamour has faded and "plugging away" begins.

An excellent pamphlet from the tional Association of Evangelicals, North Main Street, Wheaton, Illin points this out. The pamphlet, entit "The Battle Against Obscenity," says, is not possible to say that because issue of a magazine carries obscene terial that the next issue of the sa magazine will also carry such materi

The first thing, then, for us all to squarely in our minds is that clean up smut is not simply a big, slam-ba one-shot affair. It is long and o tedious. It calls for a very practical plication of the Scriptural admonitio be steadfast.

Fortunately, we are not alone. audacity of the smut peddlers in re years has roused the indignation of m groups and organizations across the tinent. One of the many forward st taken has been the formation of Churchmen's Commission for Dec Publications, which is supported many denominational and interdenom tional leaders. Dr. Inman H. Doug of the Christian Science Committee Publications is national president. O

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eers include such outstanding Chris- leaders as Dr. A. C. Miller, of the thern Baptist Christian Life Com- sion, first vice-president; Dr. Fred E. ssig, director of the Washington, C., Council of Churches, second vice- sident; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, director public affairs of National Association Evangelicals, secretary; Dr. Carl F. Henry, editor of CHRISTIANITY DAY, treasurer.

The question is "What can and should ristian Endeavorers be doing about ut?" The answer is manifold. There many facets to this whole rotten siness. We must become aware and ormed on current bills before local, te, provincial, and national law-mak- bodies to aid in legal control of scenity. We must be willing to spend ne and effort in supporting these bills d other efforts. We must cooperate organizing and maintaining Protestant mmittees to deal with obscenity on local level. The International Society ll be developing pilot projects and earheading activity, but Endeavorers erywhere must stand ready to jump o the battle—and keep fighting even nen the glitter has vanished.

Before we go too far in getting rid of mething, let's remind ourselves of the sson in Luke 11:24-26. The parable given to illustrate the danger of tak- g something away without putting mething better in its place. The un- ean spirit, after going out of the man, ntered in again without a struggle, ever more to be dislodged. Why? Be- use on his return the unclean spirit und no rival to dispute the house with m. The devil was out, but Christ was ot in. Therefore the unclean spirit re- rned and brought seven other evil pirits with him. "And the last state of at man is worse than the first," the ible tells us.

Not only must we get rid of smut— e must replace it with Christian read- g materials. Even more basic, we must et rid of the desire to read smut by placing it with a desire to love and erve Jesus Christ. This is basic to the oals of Christian Endeavor. This is asic to the goals of all Christianity.

the Smut!

Youth and Alcohol

(This article was written by James Humphreys, chairman of the Youth Assembly of International Society. Jim represented the International Society recently at a meeting of Allied Youth at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.)

Every teen-ager sooner or later faces the problem of whether or not to drink. Some Christians think that drinking is a sin and that total abstinence is the only answer. Others see no harm in the moderate use of alcohol, pointing out that the Bible condemns drunkenness but not drinking as such.* How can a Christian youth make up his mind on this question?

First of all, he should find out the facts about alcohol. For example, there are five million chronic alcoholics in the United States—and about 80% of them began drinking in their teens. Furthermore, alcohol in any quantity is harmful physically and is a chief factor in our automobile death rate. An article in *Newsweek* (February 10, 1958, p. 76) asked:

"How dangerous is drunken driving? One answer, from New York City's Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy last week: According to alcohol-analysis tests supervised by chief medical examiner Milton Helpern, 55 per cent of the motorists killed at the wheel in the city last year, or who died within 24 hours after accidents, were drunk."

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Why do teen-agers begin to drink? There are three basic reasons: (1)they want to go along with the gang and avoid being different; (2) they want to show their independence and maturity; (3) they are looking for thrills. Let's examine each of them from the Christian point of view:

(1) Conformity is not wrong in itself. Everyone wants to be liked and accepted; therefore it is only natural to do the things the group does. But teen-agers, feeling a special need to belong, often carry conformity so far that they are afraid to take a stand on anything. Christian youth have something worth standing for, and if they have the courage of their convictions they usually discover that their friends will respect those convictions.

(2) Teen-agers naturally want to feel "mature" and "independent." Alcohol advertisements and the drinking habits of parents or older friends may convince them that drinking is the way. But maturity and independence both involve *thinking for oneself,* and this kind of imitation is just the opposite. Instead of saying, "My parents drink, so why shouldn't I?", a Christian youth must find what is right *for him* as an individual.

(3) In cases of teen-age crime, we often hear the explanation, "I did it for the thrill." This may be the reason for drinking, too. Before arbitrarily condemning thrills, we need to recognize the basic motives behind them—insecurity, unhappiness, lack of courage to face life squarely. For a Christian youth these motives no longer exist.

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We can summarize these thoughts by stating some of the conclusions reached by a non-sectarian conference of high schoolers on the alcohol problem:

(1) Alcohol is harmful physically.

(2) Substitutes must be provided.

(3) Parents have a great responsibility.

(4) One must be willing to take a stand.

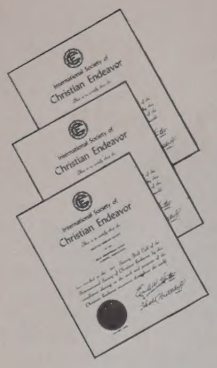
(5) You don't have to moralize to teen-agers. They can be treated as adults.

This problem of *alcohol and youth* is worth discussing in Christian Endeavor and other youth groups. As a background, read from Phillips' translation *(Letters to Young Churches)* Romans 12:1-2 (use of the body), I Corinthians 10:23-11:1 (Christian responsibility), Romans 14 (Christian freedom).

"Alcofax" (information about alcohol for the inquiring teen-ager) is a helpful booklet available for 35 cents from Allied Youth, Inc., 1709 M Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. The contents were reviewed by Dr. Leon Greenburg, director of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies.

Many of the derelicts who come to the doors of the Bowery Mission can point to alcohol as the chief cause.

* One reason for this is that alcohol was not used in Biblical times in the same way it is now used by most people.



Christian Endeavor Honor Societies

International Society is happy to present the second list of societies and unions who have o cially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support duri the 1958 Society Roll Call.

Special certificates have been given to these organizations. The societies and unions are list as those receiving gold seals (having given $50 or more), red seals (having contributed $25), a blue seals (having given $10).

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Gold Seal

Senior, Crawford Road Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio
Samuel G. Dixon State Hospital, Interdenominational Church of Christ, Fayetteville, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

Calvary Reformed Church, Modesto, California
Senior, First Reformed Church of Roseland, Chicago, Illinois
Alumni Council, United Congregational Church, Oak Park, Illinois
Princeton General Baptist Church, Princeton, Indiana
West Chapter Dynamo Club, North Kansas City, Missouri

Blue Seal

Koinonia, Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, California
Junior, Bethany Reformed Church, Redlands, California
Marin County Alumni, San Anselmo, California
Mountain View Community Church, Denver, Colorado
North Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado
Clifton, Grand Junction, Colorado
Clark V. Poling Post No. 64, Washington, D.C.
Golden Rule Union, Washington, D.C.
Young People's, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C.
19th Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
First Community Church, Honolulu, Hawaii
Honolulu County Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
Territory of Hawaii Union, Honolulu, Hawaii
Log Cabin, United Brethren in Christ Church, Boise, Idaho
Trinity Reformed Church, Munster, Indiana
Senior, Bethel Reformed Church, Sterling, Illinois
Union Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana
South Side Christian Church, Hammond, Indiana
Bethany Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
Lawton Street Christian Church, Jasonville, Indiana
Junior, Chesterfield Church of Christ, Des Moines, Iowa
Trinity Reformed Church, Orange City, Iowa
Adult, Evangelical United Brethren Church, Parsons, Kansas
Oak Hill Church of God, LeGore, Maryland
First Baptist Church, Hingham, Massachusetts
Junior, Union Evangelical Church, Three Rivers, Massachusetts
Whately, First Congregational Church, Whately, Massachusetts
Hope Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Intermediate, Rose Park Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Junior, Maplewood Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Junior, Forest Grove Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan
Adult, Grace Presbyterian Church, Saginaw, Michigan
Senior, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Haddon Heights, New Jersey
First Baptist Church, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
Intermediate, Second Reformed Church, Somerville, New Jersey
First Baptist Church, Franklinville, New York
Olivet Presbyterian, Staten Island, New York
Junior, Princes Bay Reformed Church, Staten Island, New York
Bykota, Southwood Church of Christ, Columbus, Ohio
Franklin County Union, Columbus, Ohio
Young People's, West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
Senior, Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio
Geyers Chapel United Brethren Church, Creston, Ohio
Adult, Oak Street Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio
Ye Olde Tymers of Montgomery County, Dayton, Ohio
Crissey United Brethren in Christ Church, Maumee, Ohio
Otterbein United Brethren Church, Rockford, Ohio
Bruce Union, North Bruce, Ontario
Intermediate, Garrison Road United Brethren Church, Fort Erie, Ontario
4th of Bruce, United Brethren Evangelico Church, Tiverton, Ontario
High School, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario
First United Brethren in Christ Church, Philomath, Oregon
Intermediate, Southeast Christian Church, Portland, Oregon
Senior, Southeast Christian Church, Portland, Oregon
First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania
Church of Christ, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania
Senior, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
Mercer County Union, Fredonia, Pennsylvania
Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Young People's, Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Alumni Association of Luzerne County, Nanticoke, Pennsylvania
Mt. Tabor, Evangelical United Brethren Church, New Holland, Pennsylvania
Montgomery County, Palm, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Dales Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Manayunk Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Alumni, St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
West Branch Junior, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Woodland United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Zion Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Welsh Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, Pennsylvania
Bethlehem Evangelical United Brethren Church, Red Lion, Pennsylvania
Friedensaal's Lutheran Church, Seven Valleys, Pennsylvania
Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
West Side Union, Luzerne County, West Pittston, Pennsylvania
Chancellor Reformed Church, Chancellor, South Dakota
St. Paul Congregational Church, Hosmer, South Dakota
Harris County Union, Houston, Texas
San Jacinto District Union, Houston, Texas
Second Christian Church, Houston, Texas
Senior, Magnolia Christian Church, Houston, Texas
Adult, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
Adult and Young People's, First Evangelical Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia
Senior, Edgewood Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Tri City Union, Norfolk, Portsmouth, South Norfolk Churches, South Norfolk, Virginia
Youth Fellowship, Fairmount-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia
Senior High, Belmont Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Blue Ridge District Union, Roanoke, Virginia
Senior High, Melrose Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Junior and Intermediate, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Truax Congregational Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Perseverance Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Oshkosh Plymouth Congregational Church, Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Congregational Church, Spring Green, Wisconsin
Trinity Reformed Church, Waupun, Wisconsin
Wisconsin Union, Waupun, Wisconsin

C. E. Conventions And Conferences

APRIL

18-20—Southern Region, Birmingham, Alabama
19—Ontario, Aldershot (Spring Rally)
19-20—Michigan, St. Mary's Lake (Spring Conclave)
24-27—Oregon, Eugene
25-27—Colorado, Star Ranch (Spring Conference)
26-27—Indiana, Fort Wayne (Spring Meeting)

MAY

2-4—Middle Atlantic Region, Atlantic City, New Jersey
29-31—Kentucky, Lexington
30-31—New York, Albany (Annual Meeting)

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With Young Adults

We're Giving a Play

WHEN the leaves fall and days grow short, many a church group brings to ght the grease-paint jars and unfolds ostumes and wigs set aside for drama. arly winter is a busy season for the non-rofessional player.

But we saved these remarks for a dif-erent season. There can be late-spring roductions—perhaps supported more trongly because they are outside the usual outine—and some dramas are best fitted o outdoor settings.

YOUNG Adult plays are commonly given to entertain or educate within our own hurch fellowship. Disturb that pattern too! Let us consider, especially in summertime lrama, (1) children's audiences, in our own church, a neighbor church, or in park, picnic grove, or city mission or service center; (2) audiences representing fresh-air visitors in the community and the families that are entertaining them; (3) less chance groups, varied in ages, in the community.

Our work in drama should seek to

— improve standards for wholesome and instructive dramatic fare, so that by worth and vitality these supplant in a community's interests a taste that might be acquired for inferior themes, overly stimulating stories and situations, inept characterizations, and the "blood and thunder" emphasis, so common in television plays;

— teach the arts of good production and performance and of communicating, including stage presence, identification with a role, good diction and projection, and effective team work for shared objectives;

— help religion and wholesome social attitudes "come alive" for those who present or witness our dramas;

— aid members to become familiar with orderly and organized planning of volunteer activities, not confined to drama alone, which require participation and a variety of duties for a number of persons;

— involve many persons in our dramatic project, not restricting opportunities to plan, produce, act in, or assist to the same coterie of somewhat experienced individuals; (*not* Mr. Worth always chooses our play for us, and Sally always plays the lead);

— induce the realization that life itself is in a sense a drama, in which causes bring effects, incidents that seem trivial lead to prejudices and stereotyped attitudes, heedlessness or inattention produces a misunderstanding or a series of them;

— help toward identifying an individual with a character or situation not fully understood or valued until a role and all its implications have been examined; (social conscience can be aroused in a healthy form when a favored person briefly adopts the role of a person of a minority group).

The Bible is rich in dramatic source material, as are the history of one's own church and denomination, the continuing progress of Christian mission work, and the areas of social and civic action that concern churches. Even those you cannot coax into performing on stage will help in examining and choosing your scripts and in many back-stage details.

Try to involve many persons in every project in drama. You may go outside your Young Adult numbers for some players and helpers. Utilize the variety of skills found in your unit's membership and in the church fellowship at large; musicians to play at performances; artists to design costumes and sets; persons interested in sewing to make or alter costumes; technicians to help with sound effects, lighting, and stage carpentry; amateur photographers to take pictures for promotional purposes and to provide a record of the drama; hobbyists to make tape recordings of dialog; those skilled in publicity and its arts to help draw a crowd.

I suggest among *do's* and *don'ts*:

1. Avoid type-casting. Russell should not invariably impersonate the boy who loses the girl. Marcia takes the slim role of somebody's mother this time, if she can aspire to the feminine lead in the next play being cast.

2. Encourage understudies. In a few cases, this has taken the form of a second production, given in another place, in which understudies present the drama.

3. Elaborate scenery is not required. Effective professional productions sometimes use curtains and a variety of "props," and the idea should appeal to non-professionals.

4. A long play is less effective than one given in two hours or less playing time. If two one-act plays are in somewhat the same mood they can be presented together. Consider also the short-play production that is only one part of the evening's program; it might follow a dinner meeting or be a feature in a program that includes group games. Short plays require less time in preparation and have the added advantage, if several are scheduled, of involving more persons.

5. "Walk on" plays may prove worthwhile. The player is not supposed to memorize his lines, but openly carries his "sides" on stage. One brief rehearsal might suffice; you need that to time entrances and exits, plan and practice "stage business," and accustom the cast to recognizing cues. This type of dramatic production is well suited to summertime activities, including summer conferences and weekend gatherings of Young Adults. —*B. H. D.*

Planning an Estate?

In your estate planning, remember Christian Endeavor International in your will, that its ministry may be undergirded in the days ahead.

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I give and bequeath to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio, the sum of ..... Dollars.

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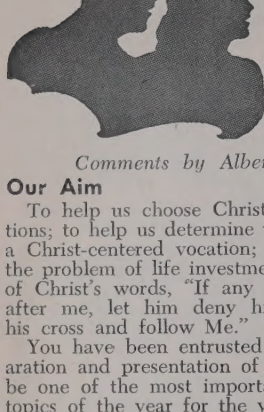

A Christ-Centered Vocation

Mark 8:34-38
(Vocations Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

*Comments by Albert Day**

Our Aim

To help us choose Christ-centered vocations; to help us determine what constitutes a Christ-centered vocation; and to look at the problem of life investment in the terms of Christ's words, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me."

You have been entrusted with the preparation and presentation of what may well be one of the most important and helpful topics of the year for the young people of your society. This topic is designed to help you mark Vocations Sunday and to provide an opportune time to give careful study to the decision which, next to decision for Christ, has rightly been regarded as one of the most important in all of life. Give it your careful and prayerful best and you will be richly rewarded.

Advance Preparation

1. Ask several of your young people who have decided on their lifework to give brief talks on the theme, "How and why I have decided to make———— my life profession."

2. Have someone consult with the guidance counselor in your local high school for information as to the great variety of vocations open to youth today. Perhaps he will loan you some display materials to decorate your room.

3. Ask an outstanding Christian businessman of your church or community to give a 3-5 minute talk to the group telling how he has been able to use his secular vocation for the cause of Christ.

4. Ask your pastor or a missionary on furlough to give a 3-5 minute talk on the challenge of full-time Christian vocations.

Publicity

Capitalize on every young person's interest in life vocation to interest new young people in your Christian Endeavor society. Make attractive posters with clipped pictures of various vocations and carrying the l e g e n d, "Doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief—— which? Discover the answer at Christian Endeavor." Give details of time, place, etc.

Use blank checks made out as invitations. Fill in the person's name and the amount, "$1,000,000 life-time investment." Include the time and place of meeting and sign your name.

Do not overlook the church bulletin or paper and be sure announcements are made in the appropriate Sunday school departments. These young people should be in Christian Endeavor for this service.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Instrumental Prelude: *Follow, I Will Follow Thee* (use piano and some other instrument)
Call to Worship: "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
Hymn: *Living for Jesus.*
Brief Statement by leader giving purpose of meeting; use aims as a basis for this very brief presentation.
Call to Prayer: Vocal Solo, *Jesus Calls Us.*
Sentence Prayers: Direct group to pray for guidance, knowledge and understanding in the area of life investment. Conclude by asking group to listen attentively while one previously selected, who can do so reverently and meaningfully, prays our Lord's Prayer.
Scripture Challenge: Mark 8
Hymn: *Now in the Days of Youth*
Introducing the Discussion (by the Leader)
Report on variety of vocations by person interviewing high school guidance counselor.
Reports by youth on how and why they have chosen their life vocations
Discussion
Brief Talk by Christian businessman
Brief Talk by pastor or missionary
Hymn of Consecration: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
(This would be an appropriate time for counselor or pastor to give a brief opportunity for Lifework Recruit decisions. Be sure to have the necessary cards.)
Closing Prayer of Dedication by counselor
Benediction

Introducing the Discussion

As young people we are faced with numerous decisions. One of the most important we shall ever make, next to our decision for personal allegiance to Christ, is the choice of a life vocation. There is much more to this business of a lifework than just finding some occupation which will enable us to earn the money we need for the necessities of life, or even for the luxuries of life.

We need to ask ourselves for what purpose we are here on earth? We need to ask ourselves how our choice of a vocation reflects on our life purposes. In other words, we need to do some serious thinking together about the whole subject of investing our lives.

This is exactly what we plan to do tonight in our Christian Endeavor service.

In arriving at our conclusions we will want to consider not only our present knowledge of various vocations, but we will want to draw upon the findings of others. For this purpose we have asked several people to help us. Certainly we w want to consider the meaning of our Lor words as presented in our Scripture lesso

These are very serious words! Chri reminds us that we are not merely cre tures who flourish for a time like t grass of the field only to disappear foreve but we are His children destined to sha in eternity. There we must face the que tion, what does it really profit us if we ga the whole world and then in the end lo our eternal souls? The worship of "th vain world's golden store" is a terribly hig price to pay in return for a lost eternity.

Again, there have been few problen so perplexing to man through the ages that posed by Christ's reminder "whosoev will save his life shall lose it." Yet this a central truth of the Christian way of lif If we insist on keeping our lives for selfis purposes only, we will in reality lose the

Such lives are built upon the foundatio which shall be consumed when the tim of testing and trying is encountered. O the other side of the picture, Christ se forth clearly that those who invest the lives selflessly for the sake of the Gosp shall not be wasting them, as the worl may think, but shall rather find them, f they have built upon foundations of etern worth.

One last question Jesus poses for ou consideration. It is a question for whic there is no answer. Nevertheless it is question which every young person shoul face squarely and honestly when conside ing life vocations. This is the simple bu profound question, "What shall a ma give in exchange for his own soul?" young people let us not be fooled. Let u be assured we must face the question som time. We may either face it now or at th close of life. But how much wiser to co sider it now, when we are starting to mol the lives God has entrusted to us.

So tonight we want to see if we ca d e v e l o p some means whereby we ca evaluate the true worth of the vocatio we may be considering. First of all, let u listen to several of our group who hav done some advance thinking on this subjec

Group Discussion

Ask those present to help you develo a series of check points whereby youn people may test the true worth of vocatio they are considering. Use a blackboard t record their suggestions. After suggestio are all in ask group to arrange them i sequence of importance. As a follow-u project you might arrange to have the printed (typed or mimeographed) an distribute them to the group at next week meeting.

Be sure the group suggestions include th following: (1) What is the real reaso leading me to choose this vocation? (Li some possible ones, both worthy and u worthy.) (2) Can I use this vocation t make me a better Christian? (3) Will th vocation help me advance the Cause o Christ?

From God's Word

M., Apr. 28. Talents Belong to God. I Peter 4:10,11.
T., Apr. 29. A Christian Business Man. Philemon 1-6.
W., Apr. 30. A Righteous Business Woman. Acts 16:14,15.
T., May 1. All to God's Glory. I Corinthians 10:31.
F., May 2. Called to Serve. Matthew 19:16-22.
S., May 3. A Price to Be Paid. Luke 14:25-33.
Sun., May 4. Topic — A Christ-Centered Vocation. Mark 8:34-38. (Vocations Sunday)

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A Purpose True

Colossians 3:22-25
(Vocations Sunday)

ermediate (12-14 Years) *MAY 4*

*Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper**

unseling for Christ

he job of the Christian counselor is a y important one. He has the opportunity directing the youth of his group into ations which will lift Christ up before world. If he fails it will hinder the k of the kingdom and do untold damage those who depend upon him.

ls for Addition

The publicity committee under the di- tion of the sponsor might work with the al newspaper and run ads encouraging ristian Endeavor attendance. It is your ty to add to your group each meeting ht.

sson Aim

Encourage intermediates to begin think- g seriously about a vocation which is rist—centered or full-time Christian vice.

ggested Program Outline

rcle Prayer
ymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
ripture: Colossians 3:22-25.
ymn: *My Master Was a Worker*
nnouncements and Offering
ecial Music
ounselor's Words of Wisdom (a list of jobs which are Christ—centered and a list of jobs which Christians cannot hold)
opic Presentation
igits for Discussion
ymn: *Living for Jesus*
enediction

New Lease on Life

The story is told of Mr. Kraft, of the raft Food Co., that he based his entire ccess on his acceptance of Christ and his king God as a partner in business.

It began this way. In the early days when ity delivery was with a horse and dray, Mr. Kraft started a milk delivery. His cus- omers were few and profits were small.

One morning this young man told his wife that this was to be his last day in this venture unless the day's sales were better han in the past. On the route that day the oung Mr. Kraft passed a mission. Feeling n urge to enter he did so and heard he message of salvation. When the oppor- unity was given Mr. Kraft accepted Christ s his personal Saviour.

We know the rest of the story. Kraft oods became known throughout the entire ation.

Planning Our Future

Nothing just happens. Everything good must go according to a plan. True, the plan may only be imagination in the mind of an individual. It might, however, be a detailed written guide to be carefully followed. Regardless of the situation we must have a plan. Intermediates should begin early to lay plans for their life's work.

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DIGITS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why must I work?
2. How will education help in choosing a vocation and fulfilling our duty to God and His Church?
3. What is honest labor? Why is some labor dishonest?
4. What is the position of work versus pleasure? Why do we need a certain amount of pleasure?
5. What is the relationship of work and worship?
6. What is the work of a pastor? How is it important?
7. What are good and bad work habits? How are they important?
8. What are the marks of a good workman?
9. How do vocations differ? What are the marks of a good or bad vocation?

We may need to change or modify the plans later, but the important thing is that we start with a plan.

Material Needs

There are many things in life which we must have. We must provide food, clothing, and shelter for ourself and those we love. We must have certain things to meet the standards which society has set. We must have some money in order to get the necessary things of life.

We can get these material needs only through effort and labor. Each person must have some type of job or vocation on which he depends for the necessary things. A good job means that we provide for such things with less effort or at least with less toil and strain.

What kind of a job will we have? This will depend to a large degree on the plans we make early in life.

Spiritual Needs

The needs of the soul are more important than the material needs, yet we spend years in study and preparation for a job which will give us the necessary things in life. We lay aside or save for the few years we call old age. While we are doing this many of us go through life with little thought of our spiritual needs. Let us consider this.

The material things at best last for just a few short years. The spiritual things will last into eternity. Is it not more important that we work for spiritual gain than for material gain? When planning for a life vocation it is much better to consider both the material and the spiritual, rather than to think only of the material.

Daily Devotional Readings

M., Apr. 28. A Christian Business Man. Philemon 1-6.
T., Apr. 29. A Woman in Business. Acts 16:14,15.
W., Apr. 30. Wise Occupation. Matthew 7:24,25.
T., May 1. A Laborer's Pay. Matthew 20:1-16.
F., May 2. Christian Workers Needed. Matthew 9:35-38.
S., May 3. Paul's Purpose. I Corinthians 9:16-23.
Sun., May 4. Topic—A Purpose True. Colossians 3:22-25. (Vocations Sunday)

Christian Vocations

The job we have is more important in many ways than the work we do on the job. There are many vocations which will give us an opportunity to worship God and do Christian service at the same time that we provide for the material things of life. Every intermediate should consider this seriously.

The job we plan for a life's work should give us time to worship. It should provide financial support sufficient to care for our material needs, plus a portion to give to the work of God. Unless the vocation we choose offers this it is not worthy of our consideration.

Christian Workers Needed

Jesus once said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." This situation has not changed. Our nations today are in dire need of Christian workers. The church must have laborers if it is to win souls for the Master.

This does not always mean full-time Christian service. Certainly, we need many full-time Christian workers, but we must also have that great number who have good vocations in many fields, yet give much of their time, talent and money to God's work. Without this group we could not have the full-time workers we need.

Full-Time Service

To be called into full-time service for Christ is a great honor. Today we need teachers, ministers, missionaries, and many others who will give themselves completely to Christian service. This takes a dedicated life.

For these Christ must be the center of their lives. They must think more of service than money. They must think more of the salvation of souls than they think of secular employment and security through wealth. They must think more of building churches than they think of building homes. Their life must be a life of prayer and devotion. This life, however, offers rewards about which the world has no knowledge.

The Job and the Church

The job and the church must not be in conflict with each other. The job must serve the church, and the church must arrange its services to meet the needs of those who work. The job should help Christ and the church instead of hinder it. If the job we should choose begins to hinder our worship we should make plans for another job. If the church hinders our vocation perhaps the services can be adjusted so it will more adequately serve the people.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from YOUTH HYMNS, published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

My Dream Home

Luke 10:38-42
(Christian Family Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

*Comments by Mrs. Cecil A. Jeffery**

Ideas for the Meeting

Mothers could be honored at a tea and program preceding the Christian Endeavor meeting, since this is Christian Family Sunday and also Mother's Day.

Note that under "Basis for Discussion" a buzz session is suggested. The mothers attending will enjoy sitting in with the groups and perhaps participating in the discussion.

Suggested Hymns

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go, How Firm a Foundation; I Would Be True; We Would Be Building; I Need Thee Every Hour; With Thy Spirit Fill Me.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Period (ten minutes)
Sentence Prayers
Hymn
Reports on Scripture References
Hymn
Offering and Announcements
Special Music (perhaps a family group could provide this)
My Dream Home—by the Leader
Buzz Groups
Closing Hymn
Benediction

Scripture References

For homes of the Bible read about a home of obedience in Luke 2:51 and a home of spiritual instruction in II Timothy 3:14, 15. Also use the Scripture references listed at the bottom of the page under the title "From the Book of Books."

Assign these Scripture references to members before the meeting. During the meeting call upon these members to read the Scripture passages and make comments. With this type of meeting there will be no speakers other than the leader, so this method will help increase participation.

My Dream Home

What do the words, "My Dream Home," bring to your mind? Perhaps it is a special plan, including everything you have always wanted in a house, with certain room arrangements and furnishings. These words may suggest a white, rose-covered cottage or a modern split-level house in a new suburb. Or perhaps the word "home" means something even more special to you.

The dictionary describes a house as "a structure for human habitation" but a home is "one's dwelling place, abode of one's family, the abiding place of the affections."

Edgar A. Guest wrote: "It takes a heap of livin' in a house to make it home." Truly it isn't the design, the materials or the furnishings that make a home. Things only create the desire for more things. A survey would show that more families have been drawn apart by having *too much* rather than by possessing *too little.*

Togetherness is a word we hear often these days. This is built in a family by starting when the children are very young to pray, play and work together. Too many parents "endure" their children rather than enjoy them. They have their social life, their fun, sometimes even their vacations, apart from their children.

These parents grieve and wonder what is wrong when their children reach teenage and are not close to them. They cannot understand why their children do not turn to them when they are in serious trouble or need help.

Much is said about security today, but the most important thing a parent can give a child is spiritual and emotional security. This comes from faith in Christ and a home filled with understanding and love.

The feeling of being loved and wanted is essential to normal emotional and spiritual growth in a child. The humblest shack becomes a mansion, and a child in later years forgets many of the hardships, remembering only the joys the family shared together.

Christ should be the foundation for a home. In Amos 3:3 we read: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Indeed, can two live together unless they be one in Christ?

What do you think is most important in your dream home? Let us divide now into groups for a buzz session and talk it over. Then we will reconvene and evaluate our discussion.

Buzz Groups

This is an excellent method for securing participation. Divide your group into small units of five or six people, two in each group being chosen as chairman and secretary. Generally these groups meet where they are sitting in the room.

Allow five or ten minutes for the b session. The chairman's job is to make that the more timid members have a cha to speak up, while the secretary w down the group's ideas, to be repo later to the whole society.

Follow the suggestions listed un "Basis for Discussion." Or, if you pre you might assign each group a partic subject, such as, "How can Christ be center of the home?"—"What part parents play in making a Christian hom —"What part do the children play in m ing a Christian home?"—"What can do now as youth to prepare to establ a Christian home of our own?"

As soon as the alloted time is up, co together as a group and ask each secret to report. Use a large chalkboard or large piece of paper and outline the i portant points as they are mentioned.

Perhaps the leader or sponsor might prepared to summarize these conclusions.

AIM

To get young people to do some real thinking about what is needed to make the dream home they want and to help them separate the trivial from the real things of life.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

Ask members of each group during the buzz session to suggest three things they feel are essential to a real home. The entire group could put them in order of importance.

From the Book of Books

M., May 5. A Home of Affection. John 12:1-3.
T., May 6. A Home of Hospitality. II Kings 4:8-10.
W., May 7. A Devout Household. II Timothy 1:3-7.
T., May 8. We Plan Together. Proverbs 23:22-26.
F., May 9. We Worship Together. Deuteronomy 6:4-9.
S., May 10. A Co-operative Family. Ephesians 6:1-8.
Sun., May 11. Topic—My Dream Home. Luke 10:38-42. (Christian Family Sunday)

Home Builders

(Dr. Guy P. Leavitt, who for many ye served as editor of LOOKOUT magazi has prepared the following material for u during National Family Week, May 4-1 Material made available by National Sund School Association.)

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules t world" is a favorite way of saying that t influence of the home is far-reaching. Trai ing in the home has more to do with t destiny of the individual than does a other influence. Here the small child r ceives his first impressions, his first know edge concerning God and Christ, his fi experiences in prayer, his first inculation Christian love and devotion.

We need to lift the home back to place of influence in Christian educatio As church members and workers, we c help by answering the following question

Yes No

___ ___ Do I set an example in my home b attending all services of the chur regularly?

___ ___ Do I read the Bible daily in m home?

___ ___ Do I take time in my home to pr and meditate daily?

___ ___ Is there a Bible in my home, alwa ready for reading?

___ ___ Is there a Christian picture or oth evidence in my home that a Chri tian lives there?

___ ___ Is grace returned regularly at tabl

___ ___ Do we entertain Christian groups my home for cottage prayer mee ings, business gatherings, comm tees, etc.?

___ ___ Is every person in my home a Chri tian, regular in attendance at church services?

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The "May Queen" in Our Home

Proverbs 31:28-31
(Mother's Day)

ermediate (12-14 Years) *MAY 11*

*Comments by Mrs. George West**

omoting the Meeting

nnounce in your church bulletin that mothers of Junior High Christian En- vorers are invited to attend a special ther's Day Program and Tea. Give time, ce and date.

ost in a conspicuous place a three- ensional poster advertising this special air. Assemble a crown of metallic gold per set with inexpensive colored glass ds and jewels from old jewelry. Then ple the crown to the poster. Print under- ath it, "Who will wear the crown?" in ge letters. In smaller letters write, "Bring ur mother to the Junior High meeting d tea, May 11th, and see." Add the ne and place.

Prepare a gold crown for every mother wear or make corsages with a small own fastened to a flower.

Have a Mother's Tea following the eeting for members and their mothers. ur president's mother may be honored be asked to pour coffee, and you may sh to give your sponsor the honor of uring tea if she is a mother. Perhaps u'd like to serve sheet cake inscribed To Mother with Love," or "Love and onor to Mother." Cookies or sandwiches ay be substituted.

Your invitation may read as follows: Tother, we invite you,
he "May Queen" in our home,
o be our special guest for tea
nd at our meeting in C. E.
ate, time and place.

uggested Program Outline

re-Prayer Service
relude: Play favorite songs (5 minutes)
pening Song: *In the Service of the King*
pening Prayer
ong Service: *Crown Him with Many Crowns; Love Divine; Fairest Lord Jesus; O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go; The Old Rugged Cross*
troduction of Guests
Velcome to Mothers
nnouncements
ffering with Music
cripture: Proverbs 31:28-31
pecial Music: *Songs My Mother Taught Me*
he "May Queen" in Our Home
losing Song: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
losing Prayer
hristian Endeavor Benediction
Mother's Tea

Topic Material

How shall we elevate motherhood? Exodus 20:12 tells us to "honor thy mother." Ephesians 6:1-3 informs us we must obey our parents. God's highest calling for a woman is motherhood. When God directs in marriage and blesses with children, we have received His highest calling for mothers.

Raising children to love Him through Christ and training them to be His faithful humble servants to eternity will bring a Christian mother God's richest blessing and richest crown. The molding of a child's life is in the mother's hands. Because of this we honor mother.

In the Ten Commandments God commands us to "honor thy father and thy mother." First we must please God and then we must be right with our mothers and fathers.

Our duty to our parents is greater than to anyone else in this world. Honoring our mothers and fathers is essential in honoring God. This will mean respect for law and order and a good home government. Where God's blessing is on the home, it will be upon the nation. When our home decays so will our national integrity.

We wish to honor our mothers tonight by showing and pledging our respect for them by being obedient. Colossians 3:20 says, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." As we honor our mother we will reverence God. We would please and honor her most as we turn to God.

Mother's Great Position

Mother builds our character and is our counselor. Proverbs 22:6 says to "train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." God gives parents about eighteen years to build Christian character in their children, to help them learn to love God and be strong and happy, able to master difficulties, meet problems, and make important decisions. A strong God-loving character is the very best gift any mother can leave for her child.

The foundation of character is obedience. May we strive to obey our mother's command and counsel. May we ever be grateful for mother's patience, labor and many sacrifices.

Discipline and Correction

Proverbs 29:15 says, "The rod and reproof give wisdom but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

Our parents must punish us for sin as God punishes people for sin. The authority of our mother is unlimited. We are subject to correction for our own good. This we may not always realize.

If we don't appreciate this now, may our mothers have patience for when we are older and wiser we will thank them. We will know without a doubt that prayerful, intelligent Christian discipline in our home is essential to the growth of good citizenship, happiness, and a purposeful life. We are corrected because of deep love and concern for our well-being.

Mothers Teach Prayer and Bible-Reading

To our mothers we give thanks for helping us form the beautiful habit of devotion to God. This is one of the most essential habits that will help children and youth grow into useful, happy Christians who are ready to serve the Lord and help others.

We know the importance of family worship. In addition, our training must include learning to pray, reading the Bible, and giving thanks for our daily blessings.

Fellows and girls in constant touch with God will not be a menace to our society. The most powerful influence for good morals and happiness is the Bible. The Bible is the most potent civilizing influence in the world.

Our mother gives us this foundation as it is taught, believed, and followed in our home under her supervision. Our Lord puts this responsibility in the home. While we were young we were taught by story-telling, then later by family worship and daily devotions.

Our mother is the "May Queen" in each home today. Let's make her queen in our homes every day of the year for she deserves love, respect and obedience always. May we be conscious of her tremendous role and show our appreciation for all things.

May we be ever so grateful for her many sacrifices for our sake. It is for these reasons all our mothers here are wearing crowns tonight. Thank you, God, for our faithful mothers.

OUR AIMS

1. To be conscious of the tremendous roll mother plays in our home.
2. To increase our admiration and appreciation for our mothers.
3. To be more aware of the many sacrifices our mothers make for our well-being.

QUESTIONS

1. Do mothers always command us to do the right thing? (Colossians 3:20)
2. Suppose you feel in some matter that you know better than your mother. Does this justify your being disobedient? (Colossians 3:20)
3. Can we easily repair our mother's broken heart later if we neglect her guidance today?

From the Bible

M., May 5. A Queen of Love. Titus 2:1-4.
T., May 6. A Comforting Queen. Isaiah 66:13.
W., May 7. The Queen's Task. I Timothy 5:14.
T., May 8. Queen of a Happy Home. Colossians 3:18-21.
F., May 9. Mother-Taught Religion. II Timothy 1:3,5.
S., May 10. Concern for Mother. John 19:26,27.
Sun., May 11. Topic—The "May Queen" in Our Home. Proverbs 31:28-31. (Mother's Day)

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Christ, the Church, and Race

Matthew 28:18-20

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years) *MAY*

*Comments by Rev. Andrew White**

Planning and Promotion

Send special invitations to the missionary groups of your church. "Christ, the Church, and Race" is the current theme for these groups and your meeting could be of special interest to them. Invite members of different racial groups to come and share in the discussion. Make special assignments to selected ones. Posters to advertise this theme are available from Friendship Press, 257 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. Remember that where there is little planning and promotion there can be but little success.

Suggested Resources for the Leader

If you are the leader, are you ready to lead this meeting? Of course you must use your own judment and your own special gifts and qualifications, but here are some reading resources which might give you additional help: 1. *The Kingdom Beyond Caste* by Liston Pope; 2. *Progress Against Prejudice* by Robert Root; 3. *Seeking to be Christian in Race Relations* by Benjamin E. Mays. A successful leader must be enthusiastic about his subject. You can know the subject better through the reading of these suggested books.

Suggested Program Outline

Get-Acquainted and Fellowship Period
Group Singing
Hymn of Praise: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*
Prayer
Scripture: Luke 10:25-37
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Discussion of Topic
A Life Problem
Hymn: *In Christ There Is No East Or West*
Offering
Announcements
Closing Meditation

A Life Problem

The Soviet Union has rocked the world by launching the first earth satellite with a reported speed of 18,000 miles per hour. Nations are engaged in a race to see which can produce the most destructive weapons fastest. While all of this is going on, many highly intelligent people in North America are more frantic about where a Negro is going to sit in a classroom, on a bus, in a theater or elsewhere than over where all of us are going to hide once atomic or hydrogen warfare is begun.

Is race prejudice so blinding as to make those who are determined to practice it ignore the dangers which can utterly destroy all of us?

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PURPOSE OF THE TOFIC

1. To acquaint ourselves with some of the objectives of the Christian religion in the area of race relations.
2. To see what is the church's program for realizing these objectives.
3. To discuss what we as individual Christians can do.

BASIS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the factors which cause some people to feel superior to others? (Read Pope, Chapters 2 and 3)
2. The most conspicuous form of prejudice in the world today is racial prejudice. Is the church doing anything about it?
3. Is it sinful for us to have separate churches for different racial groups?

Introducing the Topic

The Bible is not a book about race relations; it is a book about the will of God in all human relations. It teaches us from beginning to end that man must never put his thoughts above those of the God who made him. The first thing to remember as we look at the teaching of the Bible on the matter of race relations is this: "God's thoughts are not our thoughts" (Read Isaiah 55:8,9). Unless we wish to defy God Himself—which is the most dangerous thing we can do—we must subject our thoughts to His thoughts. And in no case must "the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8) be allowed to govern the minds of Christians unless that tradition is in keeping with the thoughts of Almighty God. The Christian church is responsible for spreading this Bible teaching. Is your local church willing to accept people of another race into its fellowship? Would you be willing to entertain such a member in your home?

The God of All People

The Bible teaches that God is the Lord of all people. The Hebrew people wanted to claim Him as theirs exclusively, but this would shut out everyone except the Jews from God's concern and love and would be contrary to the true and full meaning of the Bible.

The Bible makes it very clear that God rules over all people, for He created them. Read Psalm 47:7-9. All the nations belong to Him, they are His people. They live and move and have their being in Him (Acts 17:28). The Lord is concerned al all the children of men (Psalm 14:2) this concern is seen in His call to Isa and Jeremiah to speak God's message "the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6; Je miah 1:5), and in the good news about coming of Jesus which is for "all the p ple . . ." (Luke 2:10). Read the follow passages to get Jesus' attitude toward ra John 4:9,39; Luke 10:25-37; Matt. 8:5-15:22-28.

Bible Passages

M., May 12. A Grateful Ethiopian. Acts 8:37-39.
T., May 13. No Man Common in God's Sight. Acts 10:28-33.
W., May 14. Unbiased Judgement. Matthew 7:1-5.
T., May 15. Do Not Judge Your Brother. Romans 14:10-13.
F., May 16. Do Not Judge by Appearance. James 2:1-9.
S., May 17. All Races—One Blood. Acts 17:24-26.
Sun., May 18. Topic—Christ, the Church, and Race. Matthew 28:18-20.

The Disinherited

The way some professing Christians toward other racial groups, or toward th who stand with their backs against the w makes these groups wonder whether su people are sincere Christians. The pr which these professing Christians dema for security and respectability is far m than minority groups can understand being Christian. Because of their unde standing of the Christ way, they refuse pay the high price demanded by so professing Christians and are therefore d inherited, deprived of the pleasures security, freedom, manhood.

What should be the attitude of Christia toward people who are less fortunate th they are? Should we regard them as o disinherited equals? How should we de with them? Should we seek to make the satisfied with their present status throu the application of a "separate but equa philosophy or should we seek to help the reach their rightful status of "members the household of faith" and "children God"? These are searching questions. O answers to them will determine the Chri tian objectives which we strive to atta through our private endeavors and throug our churches.

What Are Our Churches Doing?

In spite of the shortcomings of man professing Christians we are happy to repo that many branches of the Christian churc have taken high ground in making pr nouncements which clear the way for pr grams which if put into operation in loc churches will make our Christian principl work. These pronouncements tell us th every race, nation and group can appe to the Bible in justifying its struggle f justice and liberty. There are certain pra tical implications drawn from these pr nouncements. Some are as follows:

1. God is pleased when there is mutu respect among the races.

2. God is pleased when there is sel respect within the races. Every race is have a wholesome respect for itself an to live accordingly.

3. Racial justice alone is not enough f the Christian. To accept in principle an put into practice the spiritual doctrine th God is our Father, Christ is our Redeeme and fellow-Christians are our brothers a much higher form of Christian living tha the mere measuring out of justice.

Gone, But Not Forgotten

Acts 1:9-11; II Corinthians 5:14-18
(Ascension Sunday)

ermediate (12-14 Years)

MAY 18

*Comments by Rev. Elwood Dunn**

ssible Methods of Presentation

I. Four talks:
The gift and value of memory.
What Jesus wanted the disciples to remember.
What the followers of Jesus did to remember Him.
What Jesus wants me to do to remember Him.

II. Test the memory of the group by a e and false quiz covering the last two ristian Endeavor topics.

III. On the table display 10 to 15 articles d let the group examine them for a min- e. Then remove the articles and see how any they can list on a piece of paper. a another table display slips of paper ith the name of one virtue printed on ch. Use the same number as used for e articles. Use such words as trustworthi- ss, loyalty, friendliness, kindness, love, c. Follow the same procedure and then scuss whether it is more difficult to re- ember material or spiritual things. Why?

he Scriptural Setting

The final events of the earthly life of sus stand out like tall peaks in a moun- in range. Beginning with the visit to e r u s a l e m, the triumphant entry, and llowed by the last supper, betrayal, the rrest and all its accompanying indignities, ese events culminate in a tragic con- lusion with the crucifixion and death of esus.

Then came the dark and depressing eriod between the burial and the follow- ng Sunday morning. That morning changed he disciples' gloom to glory, their pes- imism to praise. The haggard lines in their aces changed to a glow of hope. Jesus vas alive! They saw, touched and talked vith Him.

Forty days after the resurrection came he incident our lesson describes. Jesus with the disciples was on Mount Olivet. This was a small mountain near the city of erusalem. With the building of an earthly ingdom in their minds His followers asked Him if this was the time that such a king- dom would be restored to the Jews. He replied that really only God knew, but that they would have a very real responsibility to discharge. However, it would take much power to accomplish it. His followers were to wait in Jerusalem until the power came. As He spoke the record tells that He was received up out of their sight and dis- appeared from view.

As they stood there in amazement two men appeared and began to talk to the watchers. They asked why they stood there gazing into heaven because Jesus had gone. Then they said that in the same manner He would return. Jesus' followers then returned to Jerusalem and began the

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AIMS

1. To know the scriptural events centering in the ascension.
2. To learn to appreciate God's gift of memory.
3. To consider how we can best remember Jesus.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. You are in a crowded restaurant and there are people all around you. Do you bow your head and thank God for the food?
2. Do you remember Jesus in the same ways that you remember anyone else who is out of sight?
3. List some helps in remembering Jesus.
4. Of what value is the Christian Endeavor pledge in remembering Jesus?

waiting period for the coming of the power that Jesus had promised.

The title of our lesson is "Gone, But Not Forgotten." It refers to the ascension and the fact that Jesus was no longer visible among them. With Him gone would it be "out of sight, out of mind"? Or would the disciples remember Jesus for the rest of their earthly lives?

The Marvelous Gift of Memory

One of God's remarkable gifts to man is memory, the ability to think of some earlier event and recall much about it. For instance, in thinking of one of your first picnics it is often possible to mentally "see" the location where the picnic was held. You can remember the colors, the green of the trees, the silver of the water.

More than this, odors and taste come back to us. The smell of flowers and the lake can be recaptured. You can remember the taste of fried chicken and chocolate cake. How wonderful that God has equipped His children with memory!

What would the followers of Jesus do—use this God-given gift of memory to remember Jesus or drop Him out of their minds? Would they go back to Jerusalem and think, "What a strange event!" and then go on their way, forgetting Him and all He meant to them? Did Jesus expect to be remembered? Were the disciples supposed to remember or forget?

Remember Jesus by Waiting

Jesus asked them to wait in Jerusalem for the power. Wait! How hard that word is!

No one wants to wait a single second. People are filled with impatience. "Let's go!" is an expression on the lips of everyone. Think of all the things you say that show your impatience. Here are a few of them: quit stalling, rev your motors, step on it, let's roll, move it pronto.

This impatience must have been in the disciples because they were to be witnesses of Jesus in Jerusalem, Judaea, and even unto the uttermost parts of the world. What a task He had given them, all the world to win. Why should they waste time in waiting? Why not get going on the task? One of the ways of remembering Jesus was obedience in waiting until the power came.

Patience is a hard but important lesson to learn. Young people have, perhaps, a more difficult time at this point than older ones.

Even to wait on God tries the patience of impatient people. "How long, O Lord, how long?" was the cry that came from the heart of some soul who thought he could wait no longer. The Jews chafed while waiting for the coming of the Messiah. This is apparent in the writings of the prophets. People feel this impatience when they are ill and hoping for recovery.

In the ascension incident the command of Jesus was to wait! It probably took every bit of their strength to do it. They did not know when or how long it would be or how the power would come. They could have easily spent their time in impatience that leads to resentment and ineffectual preparation. Rather they made use of the time and remembered Jesus by the obedience of waiting.

Remember Jesus by Meeting

The period in between the ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit became an active waiting time. The followers were in preparation for the descent of the power of God. They remembered Jesus in meeting as His followers and derived mutual strength from these meetings.

They were close enough to the crucifixion to know that they were hated by the Jews and that their lives could well be in danger from meeting in the name of Jesus. It could bring about arrest and death even as it had for their Lord. They unquestionably drew strength from each other's determination to follow and obey Him.

We remember Jesus by meeting in His name and draw mutual strength from each other.

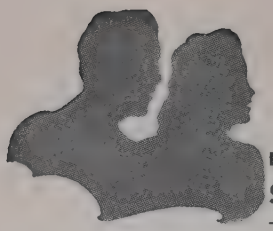
Remember Jesus by Prayer

Much of the waiting period following ascension was spent in prayer. Prayer was a major item in the lives of the early Christians. When Luke describes the program of the church in Acts 2:42 he lists prayer as one of the four important activities of the newly-formed church of Jerusalem. Paul exhorts the young churches to pray without ceasing.

Remember Jesus Christ by waiting on God and learning patience from Him, by meeting together for mutual strength, and through prayer, and He will never forget you.

For Daily Meditation

M., May 12. Christ Indwelling by Faith. Ephesians 3:17-19.
T., May 13. The Basis for Boldness. Hebrews 4:14-16.
W., May 14. Communion, a Reminder. I Corinthians 11:23-26.
T., May 15. Christ Goes—Spirit Comes. John 16:7,13-15.
F., May 16. Christ Inseparable. Romans 8:35-39.
S., May 17. "I Will Return." John 14:1-3.
Sun., May 18. Topic—Gone, But Not Forgotten. Acts 1:9-11; II Corinthians 5:14-18. (Ascension Sunday)



"When the Day of Pentecost Had Come"

Acts 2:1-14, 36-47

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

MAY

*Comments by Rev. Walter M. Burkholder**

Lesson Aim

To call special attention to Pentecost, and consider its significance to the Church today.

Publicity

One week before divide the names of the prospect list among the active members so that each one can write a short note to his prospects, giving them a brief testimony for Christ and Christian Endeavor and an invitation to attend the observance of Pentecost Sunday in Christian Endeavor.

Suggested Order of Service

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
Call to Worship: Read stanzas 1 and 4 of prelude hymn while piano plays softly
Opening Hymn: *He Lives*
Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-14,36-47
Silent Meditation
Prayer
Prayer Hymn: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*
Announcements and Offering
Special Music or Reading
Lesson Discussion
Life Situation and Application
Hymn of Consecration: *Just as I Am, Thine Own To Be*
Benediction
Silent Meditation during Postlude

Leader's Help

Be careful to make publicity and discussion assignments one week in advance.

Introduction

Pentecost was fifty days after the resurrection, and ten days after the ascension of Jesus. Originally it had commemorated the giving of the Ten Commandments on Sinai, fifty days after the exodus from Egypt. It is also the birthday of the Church through the Holy Spirit who writes Christ's new commandment on the heart. "The Pentecost was also the Jewish Harvest-home, and the people were especially exhorted to rejoice before Jehovah with their families, their servants . . . as they brought a free-will offering of their hands to Jehovah their God (Deuteronomy 16:10, 11)." (Smith, Wm., *Bible Dictionary*).

The Preparation

Before His ascension Jesus had commanded His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem and "wait for the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4) or until they be "endowed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49b). In response we find about one hundred and twenty believers tarrying together in an upper room, obeying the Master's command, continuing with one accord in prayer and supplication.

For what did they pray? They prayed for the Holy Spirit for Jesus had assured them that they would receive power after the Holy Spirit had come upon them. He had previously told them that the Heavenly Father was more willing to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him than parents are to give gifts to their children (See Luke 11:13).

Whatever else they prayed for and did, "when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." What a glorious fellowship must have been experienced. There had probably been much heart searching and house cleaning before they reached this harmonious state.

They were so completely thrilled and filled with Christ that all things else seemed to have faded. Their unity was in Jesus of Nazareth, the resurrected, living, ascended Christ. Their foremost thought and desire was to do what He had commanded them to do.

The Event

"Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." This was not just an ordinary breeze, but the very breath of God. On another occasion Jesus had breathed on the apostles, saying to them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (See John 20:22).

Then too there was the visible evidence, the tongues of fire that sat on each one. This verb tense indicates a momentary rather than continuous action.

When the Spirit had come upon them the room could not contain them for the crowd at Jerusalem, who had come to observe the feast of Pentecost, soon h about Jesus and the wonderful things had done through Him. People of at fifteen languages and dialects heard their own native tongue the testimonie what Christ had done.

The Results

Then followed Peter's sermon, show how Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ God who had fulfilled the prophecies of Old Testament. "Then they that gl received his word were baptized: and same day there were added unto t about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:4 This was the real proof of the power God. This was conclusive evidence t this was not merely an emotional or ward experience.

We see that these people were tra formed. Christ and His work became m important to them than their possessio Now they "continued stedfastly in t apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and breaking of bread, and in prayers" (A 2:42). This certainly must have been new manner of life to these people. It not likely that they neglected their da work, but rather made it a means where they could continue to glorify God. T spiritual unity and singleness of heart co tinued as did the care for the needs amo them. "And the Lord added to the chur daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47

This was the dawn of a new era whi reaches down to us today. When men t day become so thrilled and filled wi Christ and His love that self becomes l in His will, then the Holy Spirit will poured out and God will work His miracl of love and grace.

For Consideration

All too often we pray for the Ho Spirit, but are not willing to have Chri purify us from all our sin; we declare o love for Christ, but our love for self st dominates our activities; we pray for Go to use us, but make our reservations as t where and how. The Holy Spirit canno take second place in a life. It is all o none.

Life Situation

Jane was an attractive girl of 15. Sh had some talent and ability but she woul only use them as she had the urge. Jan was a Christian but not a very joyous on She was always waging a battle with over something. Should she go to churc on Sunday night or should she stay hom and watch TV? Should she go with th school crowd to the skating rink or shou she go with Joyce and Rose to praye meeting? Jane was always in a turmoi Then one evening the challenge "All or no at all for Christ" was presented and Jan made the "All for Christ" commitmen Her friends began to ask her what ha made the change in her. Here was h opportunity for witnessing for Christ. N longer was she in turmoil for Christ wa her peace; and as for her joy, that wa evidenced by the radiance of her smile.

DISCUSSION PROJECTS

1. Read chapter 4 of Acts and discuss this outpouring of the Spirit on a group of believers.
2. Read Acts 6:9-7:60, and discuss the power of the Holy Spirit on the first martyr.
3. Read Acts 10 and discuss the giving of the Holy Spirit to new converts.
4. Name some present-day missionaries, evangelists, pastors, or teachers and show how the Holy Spirit has wrought a great work through them.
5. What were some of the requirements that had to be met before the Spirit was given? When we meet these requirements does God still bestow the Holy Spirit?
6. What are some of the evidences of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the everyday life of the layman?

Messages from the Bible

M., May 19. The Old Testament Observance. Numbers 28:26-31.
T., May 20. With Offerings and Rejoicing. Deuteronomy 16:10-12.
W., May 21. Joel Prophesies Christian Pentecost. Joel 2:28-31.
T., May 22. Jesus Promises Christian Pentecost. Acts 1:5-8.
F., May 23. Spirit Comes to Gentiles. Acts 10:44-47.
S., May 24. Observed by Early Christians. Acts 20:13-16.
Sun., May 25. Topic—"When the Day of Pentecost Had Come." Acts 2:1-14,36-47.

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Keeping My Country Great

Psalm 33:10-16

ermediate (12-14 Years) *MAY 25*

*omments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh**

Your Poster

lip from a magazine or draw the out- of a wagon. Paste this in the center piece of cardboard. Over the top print crayon or India ink these words: ep Waggin' Along." Under the wagon t these words: "Pioneer in Keeping Our ion Great." At the bottom you may t the time and place of the Christian leavor meeting.

ngs to Do

. Look up to read to the group the 6 Christian Citizenship Award Contest ning letter: "I Speak for Christian Citi- ship" by Pauline C. Webster. See the y 1956 issue of The Christian Endeavor rld.

. List the nationalities represented in r group on the basis of their names. the members to prepare and report n the contribution which the men and men of their nationality (or race) have ught to America. They may use as a is some outstanding figure of their na- nality. For example, many of the singers the Metropolitan Opera Company are eign born.

Ask members of the group to report on contributions to American life made persons in various fields of endeavor— siness, engineering, music, medicine, ence, statesmanship.

oblems to Consider

The radio announcer concluded, "Let's this the American way." What does he an by the American way?

Ask your group to write down one sen- nce explaining this.

itable Hymns

America the Beautiful; America; God of ur Fathers, Known of Old; Star-Spangled nner; In Christ There Is No East or est; God Bless Our Native Land; Where ross the Crowded Ways of Life; I Would e True; Follow the Gleam. Conclude with e Salute to the Flag and the singing of e National Anthem.

ur Scripture

Our Scripture refers to a nation of long go. That nation was Israel. God chose rael as the people on whom He would estow greatness. Israel had a high pur- ose, namely to keep the knowledge and ith of one God, the Creator of the orld, from being lost. It had the pur- ose to give to the world the Saviour of ankind and it did, in Jesus. Israel, with ll the faults this people had, held the ighest ideas of morality of any nation f that day.

Israel is not a great nation any more, but as once. The reason is that this nation ailed in just the things that made it orally great. The same appears in the istory of the other nations that have lost heir greatness. They began to lose in their moral life. Prosperity, luxury, and ease lead to indulgence, and indulgence to immorality. This is true of Babylon, Greece, Egypt, and Rome. It is also true of the old kingdoms of Israel and Judah. The later kingdom of Judah lost itself in religious strife. When the high moral tone of a nation fails, then the great purposes in the national life fail too, and there are no more great men and great women.

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OUR AIMS

1. To learn that when a nation walks with God it prospers; when it departs from Him, it is diminished.
2. To discover what makes a Christian nation great.
3. To know what makes true patriotism.

QUESTIONS

1. What is true national greatness?
2. What are some of the things that weaken a nation?
3. Name some of the leaders who made America great.
4. In what ways did Jesus manifest the spirit of patriotism?

Mistaken for Greatness

Sometimes material resources are thought to be greatness. Indeed they mean much to a people. Suppose we had no coal mines, no iron, lead, silver, gold, and the many other valuable things that are found in our land. Suppose we did not have those vast fields that grow wheat, corn and all the other foodstuffs; what a poor people we would be. But probably China and Russia have these things too. However, beside the many other good things they have, they are not considered to be among the greatest nations of the earth. Why?

In these days there are those who think of greatness in terms of military power. The greatest nations are the strongest in soldiers and ships. Japan and China have been impressed that way and they have imitated and tried to imitate. Rome, Spain, France, and Germany built up an apparent greatness of this kind, but it is all gone. Unless they have other things that make them great, they will fail utterly. And the same can be said of Great Britain and the United States.

Nations are sometimes said to be great because of their wonderful culture and advance in education and wisdom. There are nations that pride themselves on these things. Among them we find the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, and France. These are great nations. But as great in times past were Babylon, Egypt, and Greece, which are not reckoned among the great any more. Their wisdom, culture and discoveries did not save them.

Bible Meditations

M., May 19. Judging the Nation. Matthew 25:32-40.
T., May 20. Pray for Rulers. I Timothy 2:1,2.
W., May 21. The Church and the Nation. Matthew 22:15-22.
T., May 22. The Blessed Nation. Psalm 33:10-22.
F., May 23. Christian Democracy. Matthew 23:8-12.
S., May 24. Builder and Watchman. Psalm 127:1,2.
Sun., May 25. Topic — Keeping My Country Great. Psalm 33:10-16.

What Makes a Nation Great?

Happy homes. Men have well said that the home is the foundation to the nation. A great nation is dependent upon great homes. There is much in many homes today to give us concern as a nation, for we read about divorce, unfaithfulness, and disobedience. But there is much to say about the virtues of love, faithfulness and devotion found in the American home. Let us do all within our power to protect the home. It is the index to the greatness of a nation.

Strong churches. Churches have always been America's greatest asset. Our early Puritan fathers came to our shores because of religious principles. We would not have had growth and prosperity were it not for the religious foundation upon which our nation stands. Surely the strength or weakness of any nation is accurately determined by the strength or weakness of its churches. Let us make our churches strong spiritual centers. Reverence for God, for His Day, for His Book, for His Son, and for His Church are necessary elements to the greatness of our nation.

Christian Service. A nation is made great in the service it renders to its fellow-citizens. But this is not sufficient. A nation is made great as it seeks to minister unto other nations, especially to the weak, war-trodden, oppressed nations of the earth. All the wars of America have been for this purpose, and none of them have been for personal advantage or territorial possession. Our greatness today will be measured in terms of service.

Our Share in the Task

To make our nation great, does not every citizen bear a three-fold relationship to the nation?

In the first place, he is a *ruler.* As a ruler, he must remember that the powers that be are ordained of God and that he has a God-given responsibility to rule the best he knows how. Secondly, as a citizen he is bound to submit to the will of the majority, and cooperate with them for the welfare of his country.

Furthermore, the present day Christian citizen is *the successor to the prophets of old.* He is the keeper of the conscience of the republic. He has the duty to speak forth against any evils and for what is good for his fellow citizens. He may be called upon to suffer not the martyrdom of death but that of being the voice of one crying in the wilderness.

To make democracy work, therefore, calls for *stewardship of the privileges of citizenship.* To do this requires an earnest belief in the ability of people to govern themselves, a confidence in their good intentions and noble purposes, and a determination personally to match that ability and to merit that confidence. Then we must translate this trust, confidence and determination into action.

President Gates ANSWERS Your Questions

1. *When two people hear the same message and one is saved, why doesn't the other person become saved at the same time?*

   We are all alike in that we are all different. The background teaching and circumstances, the sin and need of each one, would determine the response. Above all, the matchless grace of God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, directs the final result. (Consider Jesus' explanation in Luke 8:4-15.) Our task is to witness and pray.

2. *Should I marry someone not of my faith?*

   Definitely not. Religion should unite a family, not divide. There are enough areas of possible difference or conflict without starting with one strike against you. Build your home on the Christian pattern, with one who shares your most sacred ideals and beliefs. (II Corinthians 6:14-16)

3. *Is the wearing of Christian Endeavor pins increasing today?*

   Indeed it is; also other of our monogrammed items. It is quite in style. Every Endeavorer should display this world-famous emblem at least as much as we do those of our other organizations. It is the sign of our world fellowship, the only emblem of Protestant Christianity found in all countries.

4. *How do we encourage others to attend Christian colleges, instead of those with a "name"?*

   Point out the values of the Christian fellowship and growth possible in Christian colleges. More true to the basic essentials of our faith, they help to strengthen rather than weaken it while knowledge is being acquired.

5. *Should a child or young person give thanks at the table if the others don't?*

   By all means. Whether at home, in school, or in a restaurant a Christian should quietly bow his head and give thanks to the Great Giver.

6. *What is the best way we may witness for Christ in a small farming community?*

   The same as in any other. Be aware of the daily witness of our lives themselves, in both deed and word. Use every opportunity God gives to speak or act for Christ. Go where He is not, and take Him with you!

7. *Is there a passage known as "the Bible in one verse"?*

   John 3:16 has been so described.

8. *What do people mean when they refer to the "Four Cardinal Principles" of Christian Endeavor?*

   They are Confession of Christ, Service for Christ, Loyalty to Christ's Church, and Fellowship with Christ's People. The word "cardinal" comes from the Latin word meaning "hinge, as on a door; turning point." Hence on these principles hang the life and vitality of this movement.

9. *What stand should I as a young Christian take on necking, petting, etc.?*

   In moments of clear thought and enlightening prayer, determine what is the true Christian standard. Ask, "What do I expect in the life of the one I admire and respect most?" (Read I Corinthians 6) Then set your personal standards high and resolve to do the Christ-like thing, trusting in Him for strength. Don't be afraid to be "different."

10. *Do Endeavorers overseas ask abou*

    Indeed they do, eagerly and pectantly. The first questions are ally these: "How much is Chri Endeavor growing in North Amer "What is it doing about race relati Are the newspaper stories right?" V are we doing toward an adeq answer?

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NEWS
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summer two Christian Endeavorers, y Alice and Elden Buck, will travel to aie to begin a term of missionary serv- Mary Alice's father, Dr. Harold Hanlin, been serving in Micronesia since 1947 just recently moved from Truk to ape. Elden's father, Dr. Carlton Buck, ctive in the California Christian Endeav- Union and was one of the major speakers he International Convention last July. en was an officer of the Orange County on before entering Phillips University in d, Oklahoma, where he met Mary Alice. y were engaged before she returned to aie in 1953 for a two year term of mis- ary service. Mary was then 20, the ngest missionary of her denomination.

se students of the Pastors-Teachers Training ool in their field work last year organized new Christian Endeavor societies.

Rev. Chester Terpstra, missionary on nape in the Eastern Caroline Islands, orts that Christian Endeavor topics are nslated into the Marshallese, Kusaian, napean, Trukese, and Palauan dialects seminary students at the Pastors- achers Training School. These topics are en prepared for distribution all over icronesia, a total area in square miles ual to that of continental United States. The annual Christian Endeavor conven- n last November was held at Kolonia, the gest village of Ponape. November 25 is important day for it is the birthday of ristian Endeavor on Ponape. In an audi- rium seating 2,000 there were overflow owds. During the three days of meetings decisions were made for Christ.

ne of the newly-organized Christian Endeavor oups.

Texas Union has proclaimed July 1958 as "Go Ye" month to carry out an evangelistic emphasis, the state union program for this year. Carolyn Ann Arnold, chairman, says a series of youth revivals will be held throughout the state with the theme "Come Ye." Carolyn was a top winner in the 1957 Citizenship Contest.

February 22 the 65th annual convention of Westchester County (New York) was held. "Christ, Your Neighbor and You" was the theme for the day long event. Six conferences, a Junior Convention, and a fellowship dinner were highlights. Rev. W. Wallace Downes gave the keynote message.

Honor for an outstanding record goes to Mrs. William V. Martin, of Illinois, who is now living in Denver, Colorado. She joined Christian Endeavor in October 1888 and has attended every International Convention since 1891 except four. This well-known Junior leader has almost every copy of THE GOLDEN RULE and its successor, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, from 1891 to 1933. Orchids to you, Mrs. Martin, for your continuing Christian Endeavor interest.

On Lincoln's Birthday Endeavorers of Queens County (New York) met for their 37th annual convention. The theme was "Saved to Serve." Rev. A. L. "Ben" Moring of the Centurion Christian Cadet Corps was the speaker. Carol Ann Gondin, Queens president, is also associate president of New York State.

Mrs. George F. West of San Diego, California, prepared the May 11 topic for Intermediates. Mrs. West is the sponsor of a college age society. She has served as editor and as junior high, high school and social superintendent for the state union. Also she has taught 8th graders in Sunday school and served on the faculty at summer camps.

Special "Scotland for Christ" rallies held during Christian Endeavor Week were "grand," according to report from James Murdoch, president of the Scottish National Christian Endeavor Union.

Is this a new record? Lake Avenue Congregational Church of Pasadena, California, has eleven Christian Endeavor societies, one for each age group. Well over 300 were in attendance on a recent Sunday evening. Dr. James Henry Hutchins is pastor. An entire page in the church's weekly publication is devoted to society news.

Another honor has come to Pauline Webster, one of the top winners in Christian Endeavor's 1956 Citizenship Contest. A student at Braintree (Massachusetts) High School, she was recently awarded $100 as top prize in an essay competition sponsored by the Lord's Day League. Congratulations, Pauline!

The February 15th arrival of daughter Brenda Babette is making Rev. and Mrs. George L. Blackwell of Hackensack, New Jersey, very happy. Mr. Blackwell is a vice-president of the International Society.

Kenneth Mummert, active Endeavorer in Franklin County (Pennsylvania), has been chosen to go to Australia in October to spend six months under the International Farm Youth Exchange Program.

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Endeavorers at the Poling Alumni Foundation Banquet in Cleveland, Ohio, on February 22 were saddened by the recent death of one of their leaders, the honorable Judge Edward Blythin. In paying tribute to this outstanding Christian, Dr. Daniel A. Poling said in part, "He was fine and courageous, an exemplar of the patriotic best in our way of life. He served his community and state, his church and this our own intimate fellowship with a constant, gracious and unselfish loyalty. Criticism did not deter him, nor turn him aside from even stern duty, but always in public life as in private he was a Christian gentleman." Over 150 Endeavorers attended the banquet, at which Dr. Poling, president of the World's Union, was the featured speaker.

IT PAYS TO BELONG

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